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### PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the following amendments.

### AMENDMENTS

#### In The Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows.

a' 15. (Amended) The cross-over protein of claim 14, wherein said functional protein module comprises an N-terminal module corresponding to a SEQ ID NO selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: [9-16] 11-18.